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PRESIDENT'S DESK



A Happy Easter to all our TEC members from Al and I and the rest of the TEC officers.

It is now only a little more than six months away before most of us will be visiting in New York at the A.N.A. convention. I hope those that are going have their hotel room reservations. More about another hotel in New York in another article in this issue.

Right now I can't say for sure what our plans will be in New York. One thing I must correct is, TEC does not plan on giving a free banquet. Our plans were, if we get enough members that will be in New York at the time of the convention, to get together and have a "dutch treat" meal at the convention hotel or at one of the hotels near the convention hotel. The day picked out for this will probably be a Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 p.m. I've heard there are a couple of good places we can get together right in the main hotel and in the one next to the convention hotel. More about this in the next issue.

Also no word yet of when our TEC meeting will be held. This is up to the A.N.A. officials and of when they will allow us to hold our TEC meeting. They will let us know about May or June. Hopefully we can let you know in the July issue of TEC NEWS.

Bob Luchtman again will roll our TEC badges and the badges will be sold to those that have ordered one. If you haven't ordered yours yet, do so before the deadline of May 1, 1976. Remember you will not be able to buy a TEC anniversary badge if you don't order one. This is your last chance. The reason for the ordering of the badges is, members say they will buy the badges and then don't want them. So we get stuck with them. We will make only as many as are ordered.

Because we couldn't get any 1976 pennies, our membership coins will be rolled on 1975 pennies so we can roll them out in time to

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mail them with this April issue of TEC NEWS. Remember maybe the 1976 pennies will be released when you get this issue, but they weren't out at this writing and mailing out the TEC NEWS

Many thanks to my officers of TEC for the cooperation they have given me. Each one is a willing helper and is ready to help in any way.

May I end this report with a Happy Mothers and Fathers Day to you all when the happy day comes.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Kirka, President

NOTICE

The last three persons receiving the 1975 Promotional coins are-

144 - Georg L. Wanzug - - - - - Speaking and Display
145 - Sally Kirka - - - - - -Display
146 - Al Kirka - - - - - Display

These are the last of the TEC Promotional Award elongated coins. In 1976 only the TEC NEWS elongated coin will be awarded. It is almost the same as the Promotional Award elongated coin only you have to write an article about your exhibit, talks, etc. for TEC NEWS to receive the TEC NEWS elongated coin.

Listed below are the names and addresses of rollers that sent their names to TEC NEWS. I suggest that you send a stamped self addressed envelope when asking these people for a price list. Other rollers wishing to be listed please write in and let us know.

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NOTICE!

If you receive a dues reminder notice with this issue of TEC NEWS please send in your 1976 dues to the secretary as soon as possible. Members dues not paid by March 31st will be dropped from the membership list. Do not become delinquent. Dues are \$5.00 per year. This will be your last free elongated coin and last copy of TEC NEWS unless 1976 dues are paid.

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Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!**ALL ADVERTISERS**

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00,	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00,	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - May 10th

Articles - May 12th

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33
Camby, Indiana

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One question that has been put to me a number of times is "if the 'Calif. Collectors of Elongateds', can have a 'Life Membership', why can't TEC?" I don't believe I have ever attended a regular board meeting, but what a life membership was discussed. So far I have been successful in arguing against life membership and none has been established. I will not be in future board meetings, but I hope those that are, will remember this article concerning life membership and act accordingly.

When the Calif. Collectors of Elongateds first established their life membership I said it was a sad mistake. I also said that the future membership would suffer because of it. At that time their annual dues were \$3.00 and life membership was set at \$15.00. There is nothing wrong with a life membership if the cost is substantial enough to cover the benefits a member will receive over a life-time. For example a member joining at the age of 20, who lives to an average age of 70, they then would receive 50 years of benefits for \$15.00 for an average annual cost of 30 cents. This is ridiculous and wouldn't pay for the printer of the newsletter, much less pay the postage and all the other costs necessary to run an efficient club.

There are many well organized societies having successful life memberships, but there is one way and only one way to do it. A fee should be charged that is twenty times the annual dues rate. In the case of TEC, with a present annual dues rate of \$5.00 the life membership should be \$5.00 x 20, or \$100.00. This \$100.00 should be deposited in a savings account and the interest would amount to as much or even a little more than the annual dues. In this was the member has the prestige of being a life member, also the convenience of never having to pay dues again. Yet the club will never suffer financially from it.

As I write this I have before me the January 1976 issue of the C.C.E. newsletter which was the main thing that prompted me to write on this subject. They are experiencing some financial difficulty and in an attempt to get out of the hole have raised dues to \$4.00 annually, plus an assessment of \$1.00 annually to life members. I have sent them my check for \$4.00 and requested that my membership be reverted from "Life", back to regular member. I would never have signed up for life membership in the first place at a charge of only \$15.00. My life membership was a gift from a friend. In closing this I would like to say I hope C.C.E. has discontinued taking life memberships.

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EXHIBITING CHRISTMAS ELONGATED COINS

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

After reading Jack Wilcox's article about his Christmas elongated coins, it got me to thinking of my wife Sally's exhibit of her mini Christmas Philatelic Numismatic Covers with Christmas elongated coins in them. She has quite a large collection of these Christmas P.N.Covers, both on large and mini size envelopes. She usually takes out her Christmas coins around October to set them up in different ways to get an idea of how the exhibit will look. You'd be surprised at the ideas she can come up with of how to make her Christmas exhibit of her coins stand out. With elongated coins you really have to work hard to beat out a gold coin exhibit, or some outstanding paper money exhibit.

I used to wonder what my wife was buying in the stores after the Christmas rush. She would buy a lot of things that were marked down so low, that I wondered what people needed these things for. Sally would always dig through a lot of merchandise and always found a few things that she bought. I'd ask her what they were for and Sally would reply, "I don't know, but I need it". We often have a good laugh about the things we buy and don't know why we really need the things.

When it comes time to exhibit at some coin show, Sally comes out with that box of "I don't know what for", things and you should see her going to town trying out new ideas and using some of these little things she bought for the background of her exhibits. Remember with a Christmas exhibit you can really go to town as there are many little things you can use to decorate your show case. Some of the exhibits are fairly simple to set up while others, depending on the background decorations etc. will take longer to set up.

This past fall Sally had to take it easy, because of a knee problem, so she was busy getting a couple of exhibits ready for an October and a December coin show. Being so late in the year this called for an exhibit of Christmas elongated coins. I don't really know where Sally gets her ideas from, but her ideas are very good. At the October coin show Sally exhibited her painted Christmas coins that she had painted herself. She came home with a first prize trophy. At our December coin show Sally won a "Best of Show" award. I guess buying all those little Christmas "I don't know what they are for", knick-knacks after Christmas, sure paid off for Sally. Now I know why Sally buys all those little things. You never know when you'll need some little thing for an exhibit. Try it and you may like the idea too.

Obituary

Word has been received that Mrs. Mary B. Orr TEC member #C-13 of Mesa, Arizona had passed away last year on February 3, 1975. As I did not know Mrs. Orr at all, it was only recently that we have received word that Mrs. Orr had passed away almost a year ago. We are very sorry to hear of this. Had we known sooner we would surely have had a notice of this in our TEC NEWS. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Mrs. Mary B. Orr.

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HUNTING FOR ELONGATEDS IN THE ORIENT

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Then one day while we were in Hong Kong on a little side street I came upon a coin dealer in a very small store whose window display caught my eyes. There right in front of my eyes were three of the most expensive Israel Commemorative five pound silver coins with a combined market value of over \$1,000.00.

Being a collector of Israel coins and possessing the above three coins in my own collection I was intrigued and I entered the store. After a friendly discussion about these and other coins and numismatics in general I showed him Lloyd Wagaman's elongated coin on the Japanese yen and that intrigued him. Although he read about the elongated coins he never saw one, especially on a Japanese coin. When we said good-bye, I gave him the elongated coin with the Statue of Liberty as a gift to him for which he was very thankful.

I was very dissatisfied in my hunt for elongated coins for he was the last coin dealer and shop that I saw on our trip to the Orient. On the 9th we left Tokyo for Los Angeles via Anchorage, Alaska and landed in Los Angeles airport some 13 hours later.

MY FRIEND "BEN ODESSER"

by Ron Swenson TEC #285
Whitmore Lake, Mich.

I hope most of you have read the newsletter #9 and price list from the House of Elongateds. The company has put out quite a newsletter this time and I must say I enjoyed it very much. It tells about the most expensive elongated coin, about the art work of the elongated coins, the cleaning of the coins and also a little about displaying of elongated coins.

I see that our TEC member Ben Odesser of Chicago, Illinois had a paid ad in the last issue of TEC NEWS. I hope you folks are taking advantage of these ads, as you can really buy some nice coins from these ads to add to your collection. Mr. Odesser is an elongated coin collector from way back and is also a coin dealer. I used to see Bens "Membership Coins" on the counter of where he worked at the 'Rare Coins of America'. He has also been a bourse dealer at the Leaning Tower Y.M.C.A. in Niles, Illinois, which is where the Morton Grove Coin Club holds its coin shows. He has exhibited many of his elongated coins and tokens with the Jewish community life on them. That is, until someone took most of his coins.

Ben Odesser still shows his Jewish coins and gives talks about them, but he no longer collects them. I was really pleased and happy to hear that Ben Odesser's beautiful wife has joined TEC. Ben has done a lot for us elongated collectors of TEC and with tokens in TAMS. He has been a great help to me with my collection of ships and boats or on most anything else you need.

Mr. Odesser has been an officer in many of the clubs in and around the Chicago area and many of the larger clubs. He also has been chairman of many of the coin shows around here too. He was the one who sold off all of Henry Blaha's elongated coins after he passed away. He also sold all of Henry's dies and his rolling machine. If any of you folks out there know of who else besides Lloyd E. Wagaman who made his dies, please let me know. I know Lloyd Wagaman had made three dies for Henry. I'm still interested in knowing who had made his other dies. If anyone knows I'd appreciate hearing from you. My address is Ron Swenson, P.O. Box 221, Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189.

A.N.A. CONVENTION HOTEL

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I hope most of our TEC members that are going have sent in for their room reservation for the American Numismatic Association Convention at the Americana Hotel, or some other hotel. Not all TEC members will want, or will be able to afford to stay at the main hotel. A few members have written that they have asked for a \$44.00 room, but were given a \$47.00 room, or a \$50.00 room. This is a high price to pay for a room when there is little if any difference between a \$44.00 and a \$50.00 room. It would be good to compare notes on these rooms when we are in New York. For some, I should say for many of us this is way out of reach.

Just around the corner, or a short block from the convention hotel is the Abbey Victoria Hotel and the prices are reasonable. Harold Anderson, a member of our Board of Directors sent me pictures of the hotel and the place doesn't look bad at all. It has 23 floors too. Here is the list of prices of the rooms and the hotel address, Abbey Victoria Hotel, 7th Avenue at 51st St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The prices are: single \$19-20-21, Double \$22-23-24, Twin \$23-24-25. Suites start from \$40.00 and up. An extra roll away bed is \$4.00. There is also a garage where hotel guests may park their cars. For more information you can write to the hotel. Al and I will be staying at the convention hotel because of leg trouble.

If I get any more price lists of hotel rooms near the convention hotel I will put it in the July issue, but this is the best so far. I guess by July most of you will already know if you're going to New York to the A.N.A. convention or not. Remember the A.N.A. convention starts on a Tuesday, August 24-29. On Monday August 23rd, the Professional Numismatists Guild will hold their coin show at the convention as well. So even Monday is an exciting day at the hotel. You can also set up your exhibit or just walk around the bourse room. Also on Monday you can pick up your pre-registration envelope, which has your ANA badges, medal, banquet tickets, program booklet, etc. Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. the A.N.A. will officially open the doors to the bourse room for everyone. It is so crowded then, that we wait awhile until the rush is over. This way we can see a little of the dealers and look for elongated coins.

Many Tec members will take tours and there will be many things to see. Many of our members take in some of the tours on a Monday, Tuesday, or a Wednesday. After that there is so much to do and see at the convention, we just don't leave the hotel.

As for our TEC meeting I can only say the program for the convention will not be set up by the A.N.A. headquarters until about May. Hopefully we will know for the July issue of the TEC NEWS. So folks, if you are going to the convention, first get your hotel reservation before it is too late. Hope to see many of you there.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Don't forget, if you have never sent in an article for TEC NEWS before, why not give it a try now. Tell us about your favorite elongated coin or what made you start collecting elongated coins. With an article of 250 words or more you will receive a special TEC NEWS elongated coin, just for writing the article. You cannot buy this coin, you must write an article to receive it. It's well worth the effort to write that article for TEC NEWS. Why not do it today and send it to Editor Sally Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040.

MORE ABOUT MY TOPICAL COLLECTION

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

I brought this program for the La Marque Coin Club on my topical collection. The earliest transportation known to man is from the Holy Bible. MARY, Mother of JESUS rode a donkey on the way to the Inn to give birth to the Holy Babe. Jesus rode a donkey into the city after the people spread flowers and palm branches on the street. Then we read of the WARRIORS riding CHARIOTS into battle. In other places we read how people road camels from country to country. The men used BOATS to catch fish for food.

Everyone knows the story of Columbus and Queen Isabella and of how she loaned money to Columbus so he could buy ships and supplies, to sail to the New World. These were the most famous types of transportation until man went to the moon.

We have read in the Bible about flying objects and this is the basis of some believers that U.F.O,'S or FLYING SAUCERS have been in existence since the world was made. I hear a lot about these things, but have never seen any. Who can say they do not exist? There are other world's besides ours.

The FIRST MAN on the planet we now live on was the AMERICAN INDIAN. He rode wild horses to hunt his food and to move his tribes to new areas. After the white man came to America the INDIANS traded horses for beads, tobacco and for other things the White Man had brought to this country. The INDIANS also had canoes fashioned from animal hides, bone and bark. Later they used logs found in the wilds of America to make their boats.

Men from foreign countries in the 16th and 17th centuries sailed to America to settle the Colonies and make homes in the New World. On and on it goes from HORSE DRAWN WAGONS to the MODEL T FORDS. The West was first settled by white men who moved the first Colonies to the plains. All of their possessions were carried on WAGON TRAINS and sometime they were years in crossing the frontier because of winter weather and Indian tribe and illness.

From World War I to the present day we have seen bicycles, automobiles, canoes, ships, horses and trains. We even have space ships to prove Man did and can go to the MOON.

When I first started collecting the topical coins I could find many for 50¢ at all coin shows and flea markets, but now the price has gone up on some. It is a challenge to try to locate a coin with an old auto, or different Indian, or a race horse. They are out there so keep looking. I recently found two old model cars rolled on foreign coins. Right now space elongated coins are much in demand and those showing special events. Ships play a good part in elongated coins too. Some one should make us an elongated coin with a boy riding a skate board, since this is the latest daring type of transportation. You can believe me when I say this fad is for the YOUNG!

SECTION 331, TITLE 18, U.S. CODE: Prohibits among other things the fraudulent alteration and mutilation of United States and foreign coins. This statute does not prohibit the mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or if the mutilated coins are not used fraudulently.

ALWAYS TIME FOR MY HOBBY

by Rita Stankiewicz TEC #69
Cheektowaga, N.Y.

I have just finished a week of my winter vacation from work. Since I didn't have anything special planned I spent it doing a little housecleaning and then a few days putting my elongated coins and wood in order. Being a working person, doesn't give me much time for my favorite hobbies, except on weekends and when I have my vacation. I was busy putting my latest purchased elongated coins in plastic pages and binders.

Some of my latest additions are my Christmas elongated coins from the House of Elongateds and the Pontiac Press. I also received a couple of elongated coins for the Christmas holidays from TEC members. I am also happy to say that I have all 200 Beam Bottle elongated coins issued by the late Danny Crabb. Then in my collection I have a few older elongated coins from several Worlds Fairs and a few from the Pan American Exposition held in Buffalo, New York. Cheektowaga is a suburb of Buffalo, New York.

I just read an article in a Buffalo newspaper about the Pan American Exposition and thought of my few elongated coins from that period. I found out that the Pan American Exposition attracted more than 8,000,000 visitors. With a population of barely 350,000 the Queen City of the Lakes could exult in this stupendous achievement. I also found out that in the history of the World Expositions, the Pan American has come to occupy a niche. The Pan American was the first to use electric lighting throughout the buildings and grounds. It also was the first to make extensive use of color and sculpture to achieve harmony in a general scheme of ornamentation. The Electric Tower was 410 feet high. I have the Electric Tower and the Temple of Music elongated coins. I have in my collection the coin depicting the assassination of President McKinley. He addressed the Exposition crowds the day before his assassination. There is a lot more I could add to this writing, but I will leave it for another article maybe for the next issue of the TEC NEWS.



LOS ANGELES

Convention Badges

\$2.30 EACH

The badges from the Los Angeles convention are now available from the secretary. As usual these are all rolled on quarters. The art work on this years badge was done by Sally Kirka. The engraving, rolling and drilling of ring holes was done by Bob Luchtman. The ribbons were bought by TEC and assembled by Sally Kirka.

Badges are also available from all past years except 1967 and 1972 and may be ordered from the secretary for \$2.30 each. Write for badges to:- Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

SHOULD ELONGATED COINS BE CLEANED OR STRAIGHTENED?

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33
Camby, Indiana

Having collected elongated coins since 1965 I have received many inquiries from newer collectors on a variety of subjects concerning elongated coins. Perhaps the most often asked questions are, "Should I clean my elongateds", or "Should I straighten my elongateds?" Now I first want to say that I would not call myself an expert on the subject. I do feel that my years of experience entitles me to an opinion. Therefore the following is merely my own personal opinion and there may be any number of experts that disagree with me.

When it comes to cleaning an elongated coin that is stained, corroded, or just plain dirty I am all in favor of it. Of course we all would like to think of our collection as an investment as well as a hobby and this is all good and as it should be. However my collection is a hobby first and an investment second. My first thought is to enjoy my collection and if it can prove to be profitable later then so much the better, but the profit idea is secondary. Well, I just can't understand anyone getting a collecting pleasure from an old cruddy looking coin, which in many cases a large part of the detail can not even be seen due to corrosion, stain, dirt or even other substances, such as paint, varnish, glue, adhesive from tape, or most any other substance you could name. My first thought of a dirty coin is to make it more desirable to myself. I like to think of myself as an average human being and if this is so then making a coin more desirable to myself should also make it more desirable to the average person.

I feel the same way about coin of the realm. When I purchase a coin I take consideration of the grading and also any nicks, bruises or cuts due to rough handling, but whether or not a coin has been cleaned doesn't even interest me. Most coin collectors will tell you a cleaned coin has been de-valued. I've never found one yet that will give a logical reason as why, other than just to say the coin won't bring as much. Now I strongly advise against an abrasive type of a cleaner, because the "wear" caused by the abrasive naturally lowers the grade. There are a number of "good" non-abrasive cleaners on the market today. I personally think the cleaned coin being de-valued has come about by collectors trying to buy the coin at a less price than that which the dealer is asking. I like my coins to be nice and bright, whether they are uncirculated or very worn they can still be desirable. In elongated coins there is much less controversy about cleaning than in coin of the realm. It is very seldom that an elongated coin advertised for sale, or auction is ever described as being cleaned. However its plain to see that many of them have been cleaned. My collection contains many cleaned coins and because of it I enjoy them more.

On the subject of straightening your elongated coins. I feel it is purely a matter of choice. I personally make every coin in my collection as flat as possible. My main reason for doing this is because of the way I house my collection. My collection is housed in the three ring loose leaf binders. I use 20 pocket vinyl pages and by flattening out the coins I am able to get more pages in each album. I don't feel that this process would either raise or lower the value of the coin.

Its much the same as cleaning, when ordering coins by mail or on mail bid sales. You never know until you get your order, whether

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or not a coin has been cleaned or straightened and to me it really doesn't matter.

This article is merely my personal opinion on the subject and you may heed or ignore it as to your choosing. However I want to state in closing this article that I most definately do both, cleaning and straightening of my elongated coins.

WHAT A NICE TRADE FOR AN ELONGATE

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Recently Al and I went to the Tri-State Coin Club meeting in Danielson, Conn. As I'm the president there we are the first to arrive at the church hall where we hold our meetings every last Sunday of the month. Al has to go to the rectory to get the keys to unlock the door to the church hall.

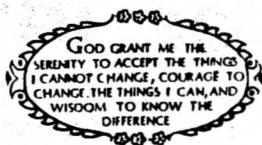
After Al received the keys to open the door, one of the priests came out and started to talk to us about our coin club and what we were doing. I do not live in Danielson, Connecticut, so have never met this priest before. Anyhow the priest was very interested in collecting coins for his hobby. He asked many questions about coins and of their value. He really seemed to enjoy his hobby and from what I saw he knew a little about coins too.

As we talked, you know me I can't leave my elongated coins out. I always happen to carry a few extra elongated coins with me. As he seemed more interested in my elongated coins, I gave him one. He wanted to pay me for the elongated coin I had given him, but I told him as I always do when I give a coin away, "just be my friend". By the time we got through talking about my coins I gave the priest a couple more elongated coins.

Just before our meeting started the priest came running down and said, "I have to give you something for your elongated coins. I didn't really want anything for my coins, but the priest said, "I'd like to give you a medal in return". He asked me if I collected medals and I told him I sure do, thinking it was one of the Church religious medals that many Catholics wear around their necks. The priest ran to the rectory and came running back and handed me his gift to me.

When I opened the beautiful red velvet box there was a 2" gold medal that Bishop Vincent Hines of Norwich, Connecticut gave out to the priests in his diocese. Bishop Hines had retired as Bishop because of ill health last year. Bishop Hines had these beautiful medals especially made with his family crest on one side and the saying, "Holy Year 1975", on the other side. It was really something so beautiful that I couldn't believe it was being given to me. I even told the priest that Bishop Hines was once a priest at our parish church in Manchester, Connecticut.

As much as I knew how valuable this medal must be, I sure hated to return it. So I said to the priest, "Father I'm making out like a bandit trading with you for this beautiful medal for only two or three of my elongated coins". He seemed very well satisfied with the trade, but I still feel I got the best part of this deal. Would you believe it, I still don't even know the priest's name.



ROLLING AT A COIN SHOW

by Chester Rogers TEC #515
Leachville, Arkansas

I accepted an invitation to roll at the Waukesha Coin Club Show who sponsored the N.O.W. 14th Annual Convention on May 4-5, 1974 at Waukesha, Wisconsin. My wife and I started out from Leachville, Arkansas Thursday morning. We were taking our time so we could see the beauty of some parts of our country that we had never seen before. Arriving at Waukesha on Friday noon we first secured a motel room and got settled down. Then we got together with Ralph Wright, who was responsible for getting me to be rolling elongated coins at this big coin show. We went to the convention hall so I could set up my rolling machine to be ready to roll coins when the show opened the next morning.

The first person I met the day of the show was Kurt Krueger, a TEC member and a member of the Board of Governors of the N.O.W. I had also rolled out 500 elongated coins for Mr. Krueger and he gave them away at this show. On the elongated coins it stated that Mr. Krueger was running for the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association in August of 1975.

The chairman of the coin show gave me a choice spot directly below the announcer of their P.A. system. The announcer announced my rolling of the elongated coins for the Waukesha Coin Club every half hour. This drew a crowd watching me roll the elongated coins. I answered many questions and it made me feel good explaining about rolling the elongated coins.

There were 60 dealers and a record attendance of 2,300 for the two days. I met some members of our TEC family and of M.E.C., such as Betty Kirby, Rudolph Skaritka, Secretary and President of M.E.C. at that time. Then I met Burton Levy, who is now the president of M.E.C. These three members were the founders of M.E.C. I also met Shelly Green and guess what we all talked about, yes it was all about elongated coins.

Sunday morning we all attended the N.O.W. club breakfast, where the exhibit awards were presented to the lucky winners. Betty and Rudolph later invited my wife and I to see their rolling machine and work shop. It is always a treat for one roller to see the other fellows work shop and goodies. I improved my collection of elongated coins by purchasing some of the extra elongated coins that were offered me. It was a great experience for us. We didn't make a lot of money, but we met a lot of real nice people and we had a very nice time.



NOTES OF INTEREST

The Great Eastern Numismatic Association or (G.E.N.A.) has put out an elongated coin for their last November Convention. There are still a few elongated coins available and are being sold for 50¢ and a stamped self addressed envelope. If you are interested in buying one for yourself, you can do so by ordering them from Robert Dadson, c/o Northern Valley Coin Club, Box 141, Demarest, N.J. 07627. Make checks payable to Robert Dadson. This coin is very nice and was produced by Dottie Dow.

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Don Wendt, P.O. Box 300, Jacksonville, Oregon 97530, has rolled out two very nice elongated coins. These were rolled out on 1974S and 1974D pennies because the 76 pennies are not available at this writing. For more information please write to Don Wendt and also send a stamped self addressed envelope as Don forgot to tell me how much his coins were selling for. Don't forget to do it now as a limited amount of these coins are available. Don also plans on making more coins in the near future.

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If you haven't received your latest brochure from the House of Elongateds, you can write to them at this address, 1390 E. 6th St., Beaumont, California 92223.

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To celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the club, the Club of Illinois Numismatists have issued an elongated penny and nickel. The penny will sell for 50¢ and the nickel is a dollar with S.A.S.E. and can be obtained from the Club of Illinois Numismatists, P.O. Box 171 Markham, Illinois 60426.

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Lloyd E. Wagaman has informed me he still has some of his books on his elongated coins available and also a seven page supplement of this book. There is no charge for this book but would appreciate the postage. It is 46¢ for 1st class postage for one book and 21¢ for "book rate" or third class mail. These books are available from Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route #1, Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113. This is a very good book to have if you are collecting his coins, or just to have for later use.

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Thanks to Mr. Martin J. Rossow and Ralph Holmes for their nice P.N.Covers they had sent to me for Christmas. This is appreciated by me and will be added to my collection. Thanks to all for sending me coins for Christmas. Mr. Martin J. Rossow's P.N.Cover was autographed by the Governor of Arizona. Now that is something to have in your collection and even nice that Mr. Rossow would part with it. So I'd like to say again thank you Mr. Rossow and Mr. Ralph Holmes.

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We were saddened to get word that our good friend Maurice Gould had passed away. I can truly say, I will miss this fine gentleman and his friendly greetings at the A.N.A. conventions. I will miss him saying, "Hello Sally, nice to see you again."

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I suggest the TEC members take a good look at the paid ads in our TEC NEWS. These members go out of their way to get their ads in TEC NEWS on time. This is a special effort to let you know of the coins they have for sale. So why not look their ads over and buy some of their coins. Some rollers roll out a limited issue of coins, so don't wait to long to order the coins, do it now.

NOTES OF INTEREST

David J. Singer #423 of Skokie, Illinois has a Super 8 color film of several club meetings that he spoke at in 1974. One film is of the first meeting of M.E.C. and another is of the M.E.C. meeting of which the late Henry Blaha had attended. Mr. Singer stated he hopes some day to get some of the clips together and show them at a T.E.C. meeting when the A.N.A. convention will be closer to Chicago.

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Dr. J.A. Belmar has bought himself a rolling machine and is going to try his luck rolling out elongated coins. He has sent me a sample of his work and I must say he has done a very nice job so far. Good luck to you Jack and we hope to be hearing of some of your work.

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Pearl Crabb gave a talk at the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society (CSNS), about Dottie Dow's flag series. Keep up the good work Pearl and I know the members enjoy hearing your talks. Mrs. Crabb has done a wonderful job in letting the people out in Colorado know about elongated coins.

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Elmer Anderson of Pontiac Press has a nice Christmas elongated coin for sale. For all of you who collect Christmas elongated coins see his ad about this on another page in this issue. The coin is beautiful, so don't miss out on this one.

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Even though we buy special envelopes for the mailing of TEC dues to the secretary with his name and address clearly stamped on them, there are always a few who send the dues elsewhere. Then the secretary gets complaints that he didn't record the dues. All dues are sent to Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. It will be appreciated if all dues are sent direct to the secretary and not to any one else to avoid any mix up.

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When signing up a new member for T.E.C. please have the applicant fill out only the top part of the membership application above the dotted line. The member proposing the new member will sign his name on the line where it says, "Proposed by". You do not fill out the rest of the application or admit him as a new member. This is left for the secretary to fill out as he assigns the person joining a T.E.C. membership number and admits him to the club. Also payment of dues in full must be received with the new member application.

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Al and Sally Kirka exhibited their elongated coins at a Coin Show of the Manchester Coin Club. Both Al and Sally received a big trophy for their exhibit of elongated coins. This was at their December Coin Show.

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A special thank you to all our TEC friends for sending us all those beautiful Christmas cards and also the birthday cards. Thanks to all from President Sally and Secretary Al Kirka.

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Thanks to all the members that have written in for their order for a 1976 TEC badge. It has now been in two issues of TEC NEWS to order your 1976 TEC badges. So when you read this, it may already be to late to order one. April 31st is the deadline for your order and the deadline means just that. There will be no extra badges made and only those that have ordered them will get them in August.

EXHIBITING AT THE CONVENTION

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I guess you folks know its not to early to think about your exhibit of elongated coins, if you're going to exhibit at the American Numismatic Association Convention in New York this August 24-29.

A person has to be an A.N.A. member to exhibit at the convention. As soon as you see the name of the exhibit chairman in any of the coin papers, write and reserve a show case or two for your exhibit. This is a must. The chairman will give you papers to be filled out and these are to be sent back to him. He will then let you know in plenty of time if you are accepted as an exhibitor. The General Chairmans address is: Jackson Storm, 159-15 Northern Blvd., Flushing, N.Y. 11358.

When you register let them know you are going to exhibit, then you will get an exhibitors ribbon too. When you get to the convention all exhibitors have to pay a \$1.00 for a badge with their picture on it. This is a must, as you can't get into the exhibit room without this security badge, to set up the exhibits.

Check with the exhibit chairman where your reserved space or show cases are. You may still bring your own show case. You have to follow orders from the exhibit chairman. He will tell you what you can and can-not do. He is there to help you and to see that you set up alright.

If you expect to exhibit at the convention, please write and let me know too. Although I have nothing to do with the exhibits, I'd still like to know how many TEC members will exhibit elongated coins. I hope many of you will exhibit. Elongated coins have come a long way in the last ten years, so lets keep up the good work by showing them off at the convention.

Remember folks you have to be a member of the A.N.A. and not only of TEC to exhibit at the convention. If you are not a member of the A.N.A., I will gladly sponsor you if you care to join. Write to me at once if you want to join.

The A.N.A. gives a prize in the miscellaneous category and that is the category where most elongated coins are put in. You may try putting it under another category, but you will find they will put you under miscellaneous. There are so many different exhibits in the miscellaneous category that you will have to work very hard to make your exhibit outstanding. Work hard on it, get a good idea and then try it out. You have plenty of time right now to plan on what you have. Set your exhibit up at home. Study it, if after two days you don't like what you see, change and try another idea. You never can tell you may be the lucky one picked to win by the A.N.A. judges. Even if you don't win you still get a 3" round A.N.A. medal made especially for all the exhibitors. This in itself is well worth getting just for exhibiting.

Now TEC also gives the Henry Blaha Memorial Award for the best elongated coin exhibit by a member. I pick out three judges at the A.N.A. convention and they will judge the TEC member exhibits for the TEC award. The lucky winner will be announced at our TEC meeting and will receive the award then. So get busy on those exhibits and good luck to all.

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - May 10th

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SEEKING THE CHRISTMAS THEME CONTINUES

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332
North Brunswick, N.J.

My efforts for the 1975 season uncovered only 14 new Christmas elongated coins for my growing collection. Perhaps the present economy is reflected here. Nine sources accounted for the issues brought to light. The breakdown is as follows on the nice Christmas coins: Pontiac Press 2, House of Elongates 5, Dottie Dow 1, Lloyd E. Wagaman 1, Gus Meccarello 1, Chester Rogers 1, Penny Pincher 1, Fred J. Rumpalik 1, and our own "Drummer Boy" design made for us by C-7.

The designs were well varied with Angels, Candy Cane, Xmas tree, Candle, Three Kings, Mother and Child, Drummer Boy and Santa showing his face only twice. It is fun comparing these with the other past season issues.

In trying to locate the Christmas issues each season help really is needed. Several new issues can easily be missed, a good example is the fact that the elongated coin by Penny Pincher, "Merry Christmas Charles Dickens" is a 1974 issue. (one of my favorite engravings so far.)

Anyone knowing of other 1975 Christmas issues would be doing a big favor to us all by reporting them, for the enlightenment of fellow theme collectors. Your report will be welcomed by our hard working Editor. Remember our TEC NEWS is the way to reach all the members with only one stamped envelope. Here is a good way to start economizing for the New Year. Sally Kirka will be happy to receive any and all reports.

It would also be interesting to learn just how many collectors are also seeking the Christmas theme, or for that matter any other theme. Really gang, lets give a hand and start supporting our interesting hobby, give out with a report. Writing an article can be a chore I know, but a simple list of your "Special Theme" is easy, so lets give it a try.

Peg and I designed our fourth Christmas elongated coin for the 1975 Christmas season. At present we are kicking about ideas for our 1976 design, but have yet to agree on a subject. Our "Drummer Boy" on our 1975 elongated coin originates from a Hallmark card we liked. We are not rollers, just earnest theme collectors. It is nice having your own design in one's collection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY T.E.C.

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662
Carlstadt, N.J.

It is really nice to be able to celebrate our T.E.C. 10th anniversary in the same year as our American 200th anniversary of our wonderful country. It sure will be nice to be able to attend the TEC annual meeting in New York City, at the American Numismatic Association convention. I hope my husband John and I and our son Tom will be there to meet many of you in person.

I'm also looking forward to getting as many of my elongated coins ready to exhibit at the A.N.A. convention. I'm building up my collection with as many Bicentennial elongated coins as I can buy. I bought some very nice ones already and plan on buying many more before August. As I'm a new collector there is a lot of catching up I have to do. I'm sure it will make our TEC president Sally Kirka very proud to see many of our members to exhibit and to show off the

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY T.E.C.

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nice elongated coins. I will do my best with my exhibit and hope to see the other TEC members do the same.

I know if George Washington could be here today, he would be very proud to see how everyone is helping to make this years 200th anniversary a great one and of how he is being honored. There are many nice elongated coins with George Washington on them. So with many of the rollers, rolling special bicentennial elongated coins, we may just be able to fill up a show case very easy. So if you the members see any rollers advertise their coins, why not take advantage and buy these coins. These rollers are helping us. Later on in years you can look back and say how well I remember "1976", when I bought these coins. Who knows, a few years from now we may have a few rare elongated coins in our collection.

So a Happy Anniversary to "The Elongated Collectors" and especially to President Sally Kirka and the officers and members. Also a very Happy Birthday to this beautiful and proud country of ours, the United States of America.

THE BOOK OF DOTTIE DOW'S

by Kazuma Oyama TEC #663
Wahiawa, Hawaii

It is now more than a year since I started collecting elongated coins. During this period of time I've stuck mostly to purchase of new issues, the main reason being, as the professor used to say, pecuniary circumstances beyond my control. Occasionally I've ventured into the "unknown" and participated in mail bids and mail order of older pieces, but always with a bit of apprehension because of the "mysterious" reference to Dottie Dow's book of which I didn't know anything about.

I finally got the chance to see one of Dottie Dow's books by borrowing a copy of "The Elongated Collector", from the American Numismatic Association Library. Any T.E.C. member who also belongs to the A.N.A. can borrow this book by writing to the A.N.A. Librarian. The cost of borrowing is minimal. Its just the two way cost of postage and insurance which in my case was a total of \$1.02. If you are like me and can't afford to buy this out of print book, keep the A.N.A. in mind. It would be wonderful if TEC NEWS could get Dottie Dow's permission to print the book's first few pages which contain the Preface, Introduction and explanation of the coding system and restrikes and fantasies. Its a real education for us beginners who are just now getting into this fascinating hobby.

Some things I gleaned from the book are: (a) There are 1,041 illustrations of elongated coins from 32 states, Washington, D.C. Canada and England. Illinois leads with a total of 179 illustrations, including 134 of the 1933-34 Century of Progress Exposition and 20 of the Columbian Exposition of 1892-93. New York is second with 59, including 64 of their World's Fair of 1939-40 and nine from their second World's Fair of 1964-65. California was third with 104 illustrations from San Francisco to San Diego.

Besides the above, there are several hundred illustrations of elongated coins on religion, politics, etc. There are 21 elongated coins of Franklin D. Roosevelt and 69 variations of design and/or words of the Lord's Prayer, including two in Spanish.

I was thrilled to find a few illustrations of elongated coins that I have in my meager collection.

POP SCHMAL, EVERYONES FRIEND

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I forgot to mention in my convention article that we met a very nice young gentleman of 73 years of age at the A.N.A. convention in Los Angeles, California. He is a little bit of a man with a nice personality and quite a story teller. You name a subject and Harold Schmal could tell you stories about it. Name any token or elongated coin and Pop Schmal has heard about it. More than once the TEC members went to the Token and Medal Societies Hospitality room to rest our tired feet and to have a chat with him. By the way our own Dottie Dow is now the President of T.A.M.S. and had a pot of coffee going all day long and way into the night. I can truthfully say I enjoyed our visits very much.

We first met Harold Schmal in the lobby when he first arrived from Arizona with Dottie Dow. I thought that Al and I carry a lot of luggage. When I saw what Harold was bringing in with him I was sure he was either moving in or staying a month. As it turned out he had just about everything as far as tokens etc, went. You name it and he had it for sale. His room was open all day next to the hospitality room and this is how we got to see Harold so much. Harold had the coffee ready for anyone that came in. Oh yes he also had many elongated coins for sale too.

One night Dottie Dow gave a birthday party for Harold and invited us all to come to the T.A.M.S. Hospitality Room. When we got there Dottie already had started to give out her elongated coins to the guests. Dottie has been giving her handshake coins out for more than ten years now. Not only did we get the elongated coin, but also received many other goodies that Dottie gave out. This is the first birthday party that I attended that I walked out with some gifts. Thank you, Dottie and Harold.

The next day we were back in the hospitality room for a good cup of coffee and another nice chat with our friend. While there you had to take a walk around his room to see all the tokens and medals he had for sale. There was no empty space in his room. I remember once while we were talking with Harold and a customer asked where he had a certain coin, Harold knew just where it was. How he ever knew I don't know, but he knew. All I can say is, with all the knowledge Harold has about numismatics, etc. boy what articles he could write for TEC.

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MY FRIENDS IN T.E.C.

by Robert J. Dadson TEC #550
Carlstadt, N.J.

In 1972 I read an article about "The Elongated Collectors" and that article got me interested in collecting elongated coins. I had a few of the older elongated coins that I had received on my visit to the Chicago World's Fair in 1934. As the years went by I collected a few more from the local coin shows here in New Jersey.

When I saw the article in Coin World, I wrote to Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman for an application to join "The Elongated Collectors". Since that time I have corresponded with them as friends. Shortly after joining T.E.C. I found out that my very good friends Edward Black and Fredric Mantei were also members of T.E.C. Fred having joined shortly before I did.

As I read my TEC NEWS I found a few more members were from New Jersey and I started to correspond with Jack Wilcox and Paul Aubry long before I had the opportunity to meet them. Today we are all good friends. As I was the exhibit chairman of the Bergen County Coin Club, Jack and Paul were both kind enough to exhibit for me at the coin shows. Jack Wilcox had an exhibit one year and then Paul the next year. They both had a very good exhibit.

My personal friends, Barbara and John Izzo joined T.E.C. after hearing about TEC from me. They asked me to get them an application so they could join. Later on their son Thomas Izzo joined as well.

When I wrote to Chester Rogers and bought some of his elongated coins from him that started our friendship. He wrote a little about himself and I answered and we found out we had something in common with our elongated coins. The correspondence has continued and today he is a very good friend.

Then I wrote to Sally and Al Kirka and we have been corresponding ever since. Now we are good friends and keep in touch. I have never met Sally and Al and I hope to meet them both at the A.N.A. Convention in New York this August. We may also drop in on Sally and Al some day and say hello.

Next on the list of good friends is Ruby Threlkeld. Just by the letter writing we have also become good friends. My wife Lee and I hope to meet Ruby at the convention too. Another T.E.C. member I know very well is Louis Wejnert. He was once a member of one of my clubs, the "Northern Valley Coin Club", until he moved to Florida. I miss him, but he still writes.

Another member who first wrote to me for a G.E.N.A. Convention elongated coin and who started our correspondence is Douglas Fairbanks. I have had correspondence with Burton Neal Levy, Donald Noe, Edward Mazurek, Kurt Krueger, Elmer Anderson and Michael Pender. My wife dislikes elongated coins very much, but she has made the remark that I have sure made many friends since joining T.E.C. and its really true.

I am hoping that in the future I shall make many more friends from "The Elongated Collectors". I hope to meet many of you at the A.N.A. Convention and add you all to my collection of friends, because T.E.C. is a wonderful club to belong to and many wonderful people are in it.

Got any good articles for TEC NEWS? Don't wait, send them in now. We can always use them. A club like TEC that only meets once a year needs a publication like TEC NEWS to keep it active. Write today.

THE MOST EXPENSIVE ELONGATED COIN

by Lee Martin TEC #129
Beaumont, Calif.

How valuable is an elongated coin? If the elongated coin is of a personal interest, it is priceless. If the elongated coin is of very limited mintage, it should bring a price in relation to its cost plus profit.

A silver elongated dollar is reportedly valued at \$750.00. The world's rarest elongated coin, mintage one, produced by the California Collectors of Elongateds is certainly worth at least \$200.00, but its value in publicity exceeds any price placed on the coin. Incidentally, the club sold the cancelled versions of their coin and raised enough money to make a profit over the cost of the die.

If you are interested in owning elongated coins with a profit potential, then pay attention to the following. Is the elongated coin subject dated? Was the die cancelled? How many were made and were any unusual denominations produced? Finally, how popular is the subject? The amount of demand is the most vital factor in a coin's price. The age of the die and coin has something to do with the price but if the die is still in use, the coin can never have too high a value. Dies do wear and it is possible that later releases can be identified and recognized as varieties with more or less cost depending on how many are available.

The latter factor, availability does not always correspond with the original mintage statistic. The roller could have made more than indicated, or less. He or she may have destroyed some coins to create a rarity and the short sale period on the dated coins can affect the number available.

To sum up, one should buy elongated coins for the pleasure of owning a subject of personal interest, but it never hurts to have a coin with a potential for profit. Elongated coins are generally inexpensive, rarely made in large numbers and they are the only true United States coins made on a regular basis with the apt description "true Commemoratives". No one can really state with certainty which elongated coin is the most costly, but this hobby offers many with the potential for a substantial increase in value.

COLLECTING ELONGATED COINS

by Gerry Braithwaite TEC #59
Falmouth, Mass.

I read with interest the article by Lloyd Wagaman regarding the collecting of elongated coins and the specializing in a specific category. I agree 100% with what Lloyd had to say.

I'm a charter member of TEC which means I've been riding along almost since it was first founded. I say "riding" because I'm not exactly what can be called an active member. Never the less I am interested and do enjoy the hobby.

In a 1972 issue of TEC NEWS I wrote, "My elongated collection would be limited to just the ones that caught my fancy rather than every single one I could get my hands on." Thanks to Dottie Dow I started collecting around 1962, before TEC was even thought of. I still have many of Dottie's elongated coins, including the Flag Set, which I received in 1965.

It was 1970-1971 when I decided to specialize. I was collecting wooden money, medals, tokens, etc. and it just got to be too much. I couldn't afford everything, didn't have enough time and also did not have enough room to store or display everything as I wanted to.

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I started the weeding process and when I wrote my article in 1972 I was down to 146 elongated coins from a total of well over 300. Now I'm back up to a total of 278 and there would have to be some twisting to get them away from me, because I can identify almost every one of them. In my mind each one has its own meaning.

To conclude I heartily recommend that every one specialize, at least to a certain degree. There is no sense in trying to acquire every single elongated coins you hear of. Its pretty remote that anyone will ever be able to get a collection of every single elongated coin made as after awhile it will become a chore rather than pleasure. My elongated coins come from a dozen different rollers and to every one of these people I extend my gratitude for the pleasure and enjoyment that their elongated coins have given me.

ROLLING IN PUBLIC

by Eric Goodwin TEC #520
Santa Ana, Calif.



Forty years ago I attended the Texas Centennial in Dallas and the San Diego Exposition, but never saw any rollers there. Since that time I have never attended any World's Fair or Exposition. So therefore it was a real pleasure to visit San Francisco's Fishermans Wharf last summer and see three rollers, rolling out

the coins in public within a one block area. The rollers were using a carnival like technique to attract the attention of passers-by. The operations are evidently very profitable as one roller told me he had made a \$1,000 in one week rolling at a state fair.

I understand that permits from the city of San Francisco are necessary and the only place in the city where they are presently issued for, are at the Fisherman's Wharf. The rental for the small area that a machine occupies varies from \$40 to \$400 and that is paid to the owner of the business establishment on which the roller places his machine.

The machines used there have a slot at the top of the machine and the public cannot actually see their pennies pass through the rollers. Some people are skeptical that the penny actually is being stretched.

At an amusement park in Long Beach there is a coin-operated machine that looks like a miniature rolling machine in operation but is actually a fake that only drops out a Lords Prayer previously rolled on a copper slug and therefore is only a vending machine, not an elongating machine.

The rollers in San Francisco were not putting any material on one side of the coin to preserve the image and unless a very old coin was used the back was wiped out. I suggested that they put a backing on the coins and I understand they are doing this now, so that people realize a real penny is being stretched. I can foresee many more commercial operations of this type opening up on a year round basis in high traffic tourist areas. So far no one has been able to negotiate a contract at Disneyland. I am trying to interest a business man, on board the Queen Mary at Long Beach, into buying an elongating machine and turning out an elongated with the ships picture on it.

SO LONG MY FRIEND, MAURICE GOULD

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Maurice M. Gould

Another TEC member has passed away and Al and I have lost a very good friend. In the last issue of TEC NEWS I had a little note for the TEC members to send a get well card to our TEC member #15 Maurice M. Gould from Tustin, Calif. At that time and when TEC NEWS was being printed, Mr. Gould was in the hospital. By the time TEC NEWS came back from the printers our good friend Maurice Gould had passed away. News travels fast around here and in about two days we got the news that Mr. Gould had passed away on a Saturday, Nov. 29, 1975. It was a sad day for us to hear of this.

Mr. Gould was a charter member of TEC and up to a few years ago was an active member in TEC. He was always ready with an article for TEC NEWS, if he was asked for one. He never said no to me. If he could he would get that article written. Later on Mr. Gould became a very busy man and I know being on the Board of Governors in the A.N.A. would keep him busy for a long time.

We saw Mr. Gould many times at the A.N.A. convention this past August in Los Angeles, California. He always had a nice smile and a friendly hello for us and the TEC members. As for me I always got a friendly kiss as we met at the conventions. He was a busy man at the convention in California, but as he went by once he yelled to me "I didn't forget you Sally and I have a gift for you". He gave me a nice P.N.Cover for my collection. I think I received a different P.N.Cover from him for the last few years.

Mr. Gould was an active numismatist and was a member of more than 50 numismatic organizations. He held honorary membership in 17 other clubs. He was also one of the past Presidents of our New England Numismatic Association, of which I am now the Vice President. Mr. Gould also was once on the TEC Board of Directors. At the time that he passed away Mr. Gould was also President of S.P.A.N., one other club of which I also am a member.

I think many of our TEC members that knew Maurice Gould well, will miss his friendly smile and his "Hello Sally nice to see you at the A.N.A. convention". Yes, I can truthfully say many of our TEC family will miss him. He was a very busy man, but never too busy for his friends.

I wonder how many have his elongated coin that he had made with his picture on it. It would be interesting to know how many TEC members have one. I was glad I had received a few for my collection as these coins will be wanted by many of his friends now.

His voice is stilled, but the memory of our good friend Mr. Maurice M. Gould will live on. The officers and members of TEC all send our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Jean Gould and her family. If any of our TEC family would like to send a card to his family, their new address is, Mrs. Jean Gould, 11922 Weddington - Apt. 310, No. Hollywood, California 91607.

POSTAL SERVICE RELATED ELONGATEDS

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332
North Brunswick, N.J.

Back in 1967 I started a special collection of tokens, medals, wood, pinback buttons, badges, which I named my "Postalana Theme". This search soon lead to the elongated coin hobby and really is to blame for my becoming an elongated coin collector. My postal collection has grown steadily over the past eight years and still continues to be a challenge. A favorite of mine is an ivory poker chip that reads, "U.S.M.

PACKET ROBERT E. LEE," (ornate 5) on the obverse and "FASTEST BOAT ON THE MISSISSIPPI", (ornate 5) on the reverse. Next is a small copper token from England known as the "Little Postman" token, listed Surrey 127 Guilford for the year 1666. This 1/4 d token features on the reverse a figure of a man with top hat and cane, the traveling salesman carried the mail in those days. I could go on, but we are mainly interested in the subject of elongated coins that found a home in my favorite collection.

So far 13 different issues of elongated coins have turned up rolled by six modern rollers, Dottie Dow 4, Elmer Anderson 2, Don Adams 1, Danny Crabb 1, Jack Meccariello 2, Bob Luchtman 3, (2 from my designs). The subject matter titles break down as follows: Pony Express Beam bottle, "Mr. Zip" 3, plus the photo Mr. Zip stamp by Bob Luchtman, Salute to Postal Service 3, U.S. Airmail 50th Anniversary 2, Postal Week 1, 100th Anniversary of Mail Order 1, and of course "Jack the Mailman" and N.J. Letter Carrier State Convention 1975, my designs. Total is 13.

The Dottie Dow Book list shows Cal. sf#5 post office, however so far this scarce elongated coin has managed to elude me. If any member knows of other postal related elongated coins, I would appreciate hearing about them. Searching for the elongated coins for various themes requires help from the rollers and othe collectors.

Hearing reports on other collectors favorite themes I'm certain would be of interest to the TEC members, so why not let us hear some BANGS! Remember there is always room for your articles and Sally shouldn't have to keep asking for our assistance, so lend a hand and share with all of us.

Several elongated coins have been issued for the stamp collector, but I drew the line on these. No doubt other issues will be made for the Postal Service as time goes by. Meanwhile it's fun seeking those that have managed to elude me. Each new find is welcomed and the search goes on.

THE FUN OF COLLECTING

by Richard Townsend TEC #265
Rochester, N.Y.

I hope the holiday season that has just passed was as memorable for all our TEC members, as mine was for me. I have several hobbies I enjoy very much and generous gifts from my friends added several nice things to them.

I received a couple of packages this Christmas and one contained my elongated coin design rolled on a bicentennial half dollar, quarter, dime and flag token. Needless to say, this set is my pride and joy and is never going to be offered for sale, at any price. The second package contained rolled out, off-center and error elongated coins. I made some packages up and the children in local homes

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around here had some fun enjoying them. I'm grateful to Dottie Dow for her thoughtfulness in both of these nice gifts.

Jim Beam decanter collectors know the Volkswagen Bottle is a prize that all collectors want. Two years of my searching locally were fruitless on my part, but a close friend of mine somehow came upon one. I was so happy to get it, that I nearly had a heart failure! My Avon Volkswagens compliment it nicely. Yes, I have Avons bottles too!

The point is I enjoy all my hobbies. With some experimentation, I've blended elongated coins, medals, bottles, plates, etc., in home displays around various themes. Politics, space cars, planes, and even Snoopy are just a few of the things in my hobbies. So many displays are set up all around the house that my father threatens to start charging admission for people to come in to see my hobbies.

I'm sure I'm not alone and I've had fun sharing them with all my friends. How about you out there? Why not write an article for the next TEC NEWS and share your hobby of elongated coins with us. Do it now while you still remember to do it.

MAY BE INTERESTING TO OTHERS

by M.A. Richardson TEC #645
Indianola, Miss.

I attended the A.N.A. convention at the Marriott Hotel this past August. It was a first for me, (never attended an editorial convention in all my years of publishing). To say that I attended the gathering is almost bragging, because I barely made it, what with my old ticker acting up. I arrived a day, or was it two days ahead and for want of something else to attribute it to, I'll blame it on the hotel bill....umh! At any rate the old and well-worn blood pump decided to take out, and me nearly three thousand miles from home, with only my grand-daughter with me! With a belly-full of pills, little if any food, remaining horizontal and enough nitroglycerine in my system to make me explode like an atomic bomb, had someone accidentally poked a finger in my slats. I was able to be up and about on the big day. There I was looking as wise as a tree full of owls. No further ill effects, but I did have to cut the circuitous trip short at Denver and fly home. Had intended on making Omaha, Chicago, etc.

I didn't plan on making this a cry-baby article, when I started out, but was on the subject before I realized what I was doing. What I really intended was to describe a novelty I had made several months ago, before I even knew there was such a thing as an elongated group and thought I would include it in a previous missive I wrote.

I take five elongated coins, drill a 3/32" hole in each end of each coin, connect them together with a link from a watch chain. I am one of the few who still wears a pocket watch. Then use a connector at the end such as is used on strings of beads, etc., around the neck to put the ends together after encircling the arm. Under side must be coated with clear nail polish, shellac, or some such to prevent rubbing black on the arm from the pennies. The normal curvature of an elongated coin is just right to encircle the arm, using five elongated coins. I have made several of the wristlets, invariably including the appropriate zodiac sign elongated for the recipient. Oddly, I have never made one for my grand-daughters.



TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

This is a drawing of the TEC NEWS COIN that will be given out to TEC members for writing articles of 250 words or more about elongated coins for TEC NEWS.

Lloyd E. Wagaman will again roll out the coins, when the 1976 nickels are available. Do not give up hope, as your coin will be sent to you sooner or later. Please again note that I said, Lloyd is waiting for the 1976 nickels to be released. It will be well worth the wait to get one of these beautiful coins. I really appreciate Lloyd Wagaman for making these coins and I want to thank Lloyd for doing this.

The coins will also be numbered and we will keep this up through out the year. Remember these coins will be given free to the TEC members for articles of 250 words or more for TEC NEWS. Do not miss out on this coin, so write your article now. Derogatory articles will not be used. No articles will be returned. If your article is so valuable, I do not want to be responsible for it. So send in your article now. Your article must be at my home at the deadline. All articles received after the deadline will be put in the next issue unless they are rejected. Long articles will be put in two or three parts.

The following names listed below will receive a TEC NEWS COIN for articles in the January issue of TEC NEWS. In the next issue we will have the names of the TEC members who have an article of 250 words or more in this issue.

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| 3 | - Our TEC Owl and our Hobby - - - - - | Ron Swenson #285 |
| 4 | - My Topical Collection - - - - - | Ruby Threlkeld #202 |
| 5 | - They're Still out there Somewhere - - - - - | Sally Kirka #16 |
| 6 | - So, The Jokes on me - - - - - | O. Wilson Morgan #183 |
| 7 | - Bicentennial 1776 - 1976 - - - - - | Joe Rakaskas #64 |
| 8 | - Something Different - - - - - | Richard Townsend #265 |
| 9 | - Exhibiting Elongated Coins with Postcards - - - - - | Ron Swenson #285 |
| 10 | - A Very Enjoyable Convention - - - - - | Al Kirka #450 |
| 11 | - So Long my Friend - - - - - | Sally Kirka #16 |
| 12 | - Historians Report - - - - - | Ruby Threlkeld #202 |
| 13 | - A Salute to Harold Butner TEC #576 - - - - - | Sally Kirka #16 |
| 14 | - Co-Operation - - - - - | Joe Rakaskas #64 |
| 15 | - T.E.C. Meeting in 1975 - - - - - | Ruby Threlkeld #202 |
| 16 | - Richard's Beautiful Mirrors - - - - - | Sally Kirka #16 |
| 17 | - The 1975 Promotional Award - - - - - | Sally Kirka #16 |
| 18 | - Our Bicentennial Year 1976 - - - - - | Harold Anderson #483 |
| 19 | - My TEC Friends are really Great - - - - - | Barbara Izzo #662 |
| 20 | - A.N.A. Convention in New York - - - - - | Sally Kirka #16 |
| 21 | - Collecting Space a fun Theme - - - - - | Jack Wilcox #332 |
| 22 | - The Austin, Texas Coin Show - - - - - | Frank Galindo #672 |
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DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

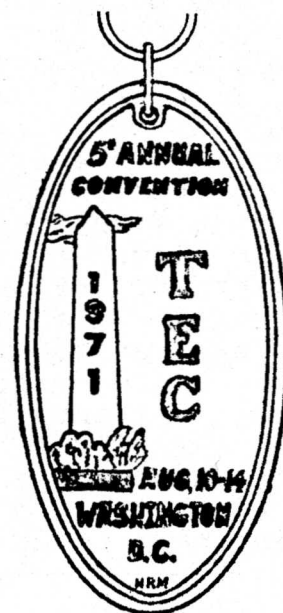
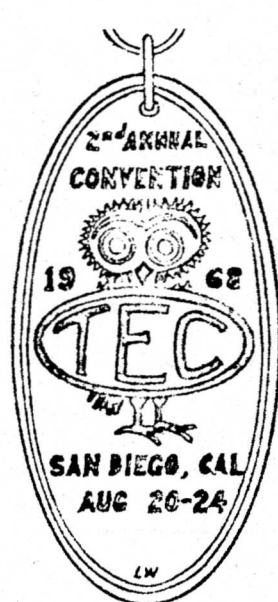
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NOTICE

These are the drawings of our TEC badges from the first in 1967 to 1975. You can still buy some of these badges for the small sum of \$2.30 each. The only ones that are sold out are from the years 1967 and 1972. The rest are still available from the secretary, Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. So why not buy yours if you haven't already. Even if you have one, you can still buy some more while they are still available. Thanks to James Davisson, TEC #559, for the nice drawings of the TEC convention badges.

Convention Badges



ITS TIME TO EXHIBIT

by Harold Anderson TEC #483
Caro, Michigan

Here it is only January at this time of writing and its the middle of winter, but its already time to start thinking of working on our exhibit for the American Numismatic Association convention. It will be held this coming August 24-29, 1976.

As for "The Elongated Collectors", its going to be our 10th anniversary of when our club was founded. So its time for all of us elongated coin collectors to start thinking of getting our exhibits ready for the coming convention. I'm sure most of you folks have enough elongated coins to fill a show case or two with your coins for a nice exhibit. Just remember to put some hard work into setting up your exhibit. Make it eye catching as much as you can.

Here are a few things to remember when exhibiting. Be sure you have a "Title", basic numismatic information, creativity, originality and as near completeness as you can. Try to add a little color to your back-ground. As it is our Bicentennial year you can add a little red, white and blue, or what ever color you may want. There are many Bicentennial elongated coins around, so why not buy them when you see them in ads in our TEC NEWS. I've been to a few shows lately and haven't had any luck in finding any elongated coins.

Alice and I are down in Florida for the winter and its really wonderful down here. We have visited most of the coin shows in Florida and have gone to the Florida United Numismatic Convention. Had no luck in finding any elongated coins. I don't understand this as there were many big time dealers there too.

Now just a little news about our nations weather. This January I think most of the northern states had one of the worst winters in years. I'm glad Alice and I agreed to leave Caro, Michigan to come down here to Florida. Even down here as Alice and I go to the coin shows we are dressed in our winter clothes. So I guess if you are looking for any elongated coins, instead of going around in the cold read your TEC NEWS and order your coins by mail from the TEC ads. Those that have some for sale put an ad in, so we can buy some for oue exhibits. I'm sure our TEC President Sally Kirka will appreciate seeing many elongated exhibits at the A.N.A. convention in New York.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Nominations are in order for the "MERIT AWARD". You must send in your nominations of members telling us what they have done to deserve this award. These will be voted on by the Board of Directors. All nominations must be sent to me, Sally Kirka, not later than May 1st. That is the deadline for all nominations. Once the nominations are voted on, no one will know who will get the MERIT AWARD until they are announced at the annual TEC meeting. A member must have done something outstanding and have helped out TEC in many ways. So don't be late, get your nominations in at once.

COINS DONATED

A special thanks goes to Richard Townsend for the elongated coins he has donated to the TEC members to be given out with this issue of TEC NEWS. Anyone caring to donate elongated coins to be given out with future issues of TEC NEWS, please get in touch with the TEC NEWS editor as soon as you can. How about hearing from some rollers who haven't as yet donated coins for TEC NEWS as yet. All donations will be greatly appreciated by all.

NEW MEMBERS

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711	G. Raymond Lyles	218 N. E. 1st Ave.	Miami, Fla.	33132
712	Peter Carmel	225 West Hudson Ave.	Englewood, N.J.	07631
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714	Therman A. Baker, Jr.	605 Stamford Dr.	Neptune, N.J.	07753
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717	William DeMarzo	1051 Washington Ave.	Old Tappan, N.J.	07675
CHANGE OF ADDRESS				
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521	Russell Blank	Box 425	Marshfield, Mass.	02050

NOTICE

A special thanks goes to the following members who sent material to the Clubs Historian Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld for the T.E.C. history book and TEC Archives. Those sending material in are:- Lloyd Wagaman coins, Jack Wilcox coins and clippings, Fred Rumplik coin, and H.J. Hector assorted coins. Many, many thanks to the members who sent me coins and beautiful greetings for Christmas. A note of thanks will be put in each issue of TEC NEWS of what TEC members donate for the TEC Archives and the TEC history book.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS

If you have moved recently, please send us your correct address. This will save us time and money and you will receive your TEC NEWS on time. Send your correct address to the Secretary, Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040

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VAR-FOR #7a



VAR-IND.#30a

MAIL BID SALE

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 17, 1976



VAR-MISC.#14a



SPEC.#1

The following elongated coins are being offered for sale on a mail bid. The VARIETY pieces are extremely scarce as only a small amount were rolled at different stages of the engraving of the die. The SPECIAL pieces are extremely scarce as only a few were rolled before deciding the die was not worthy of further rolling. The DENOMINATIONAL pieces are very scarce to the extent that they are scarce on the particular listed coin, but a larger amount was rolled on a different coin. Usual mail-bid rules apply. Coins will be sent to successful bidders by insured air-mail and the mailing costs will be billed to bidder. If you wish me to use cheaper mailing method, please specify. Minimum bid is \$2.00 per coin. Bids over \$5.00 will be reduced to 10% over 2nd high bid. Please bid by LOT #. Closing date Apr. 17, 1976.

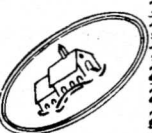


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2	VAR-POL 8a	Richard G Lugar cent	18	18
3	VAR-IND 27a	Church cent	12	12
4	VAR-IND 27b	Church-Christmas cent	25	25
5	VAR-REL 4a	23rd Psalm Quarter	15	15
6	VAR-PATR 7a	Stars & Stripes cent	15	15
7	VAR-IND 28a	Cardinal cent	14	14
8	VAR-CALIF 6a	Eric H Goodwin cent	15	15
9	VAR-FOR 7a	Pony Head token	14	14
10	VAR-MISC 14a	Lucky Cent cent	12	12
11	VAR-IND 29a	Buzzy cent	16	16
12	VAR-IND 30a	25 Years cent	16	16
13	VAR-IND 16b	Ind State Champs cent	25	25
(SPECIAL PIECES)				
14	SPEC 3	Alberta Wagaman cent	16	16
15	SPEC 1	Owl nickel	19	19
(DENOMINATIONAL PIECES)				
16	TEX 3	Texas Rangers cent	145	17
17	CALIF 6	Eric H Goodwin dime	787	12
18	FLA 4	L & A Wagaman dime	305	5
19	IND 23a	T E C 73 dime	2020	20
20	POL 11	W I N dime	205	5
21	POL 10	93rd Congress dime	200	5
22	IND 22	Eli Lilly & Co dime	330	30
23	IND 32	Christmas 1975 dime	565	5
24	PATR 8,8b,8c,8d,8e	America 5 pc set dimes	205	5
25	POL 9,9a,9b,9c,9d	NIXON 5 pc set dimes	155	5



VAR-PATR.#7a



VAR-IND.#27a



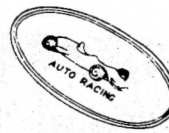
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VAR-REL.#4a



VAR-IND.#24a



VAR-POL.#8a



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